

# Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club

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Newsletter – January, 2012

*May Your Holidays be Cheerful & Filled with Joy*

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## Elected Officers

President, Bruce Kobara  
Vice Pres. Jim Gandrup  
Secretary, Mike Ciglar  
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## Elected Directors

Scotty Mitchell  
Ron Gordon  
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Mark Lauesen  
Rodney Misumi

## Appointed Directors

Bar, Paul Cunningham  
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Work Party, Harry  
Williams  
Range Master, John  
Maraldo phone 728-8611

## Members

Hall Rentals,  
Bill Sanchez  
Ass't. Cook,  
Abel Campos  
Caretaker,  
Mark Neher

## Calendar

IPSC Shooters only – Thursday evenings 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of each month-applications 6:00 PM, meeting, @7:00 PM

Members Meeting – ~~Scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> since first Monday is next to New Years Day \* \* \* \*~~

Dinner Menu For This Month – Porkloin, apple sauce and trimminigs.

Venture Club 568 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Range closed.

## January Presiden's Column

I would like to thank all my friends in the club who supported me when I had my quintuple by pass surgery last month. I am happy to report that aside from some discomfort from the ribs they had to cut, I am running at 90%, the other 10% will be up to speed by spring time.

I am happy to accept the position of club President for another year and pledge to continue to work for the interest of our club and club members. Thank you for your support.

Jim Gabriel donated a tv to the club when he found out the tv in the bar had gone on the fritz.

We will be having scheduled Work Party days in the upcoming year. There will be three organized work party weekends a year, spring, summer and fall work party weekends. The first will be in April and the projects that we will be tackling will be announced and the exact date will be announced at the January meeting and signup sheets will also be available for volunteers.

January meeting will be a another show and tell night, bring your favorite .22/.17 cal. Rim fire rifle and or pistol and share them with the other club members.

The first project the club is tackling this upcoming year is the up grading of the kitchen. We have already purchased a new refrigerator and a larger freezer, we need to replace the counter tops and the fan motor for the stove hood. Future projects will include up grading the landscape, fixing or replacing the dock at the launch ramp (this will be expensive), and the picnic BBQ area down by the lake side.

New projects are always popping up and we are going to accomplish them as we can afford them, but aside from the money we need club member participation to see them completed.

We have two new members voted in by the board; Brad Messer and June Otjen, welcome to the club.

The stair steps from the lower parking lot have been pretty much destroyed by rot and ground squirrels. The club needs volunteers to build a new one. Contact Harry Williams or any board member/club officer to offer your help.

If you have any ideas about a club activity let us know and we will more than happy look into it and support any ideas that will work for the club. A club turkey shoot is one idea that has been presented. Remember, DO NOT GIVE YOUR GATE PIN CODE TO NON CLUB MEMBERS. The pin number will be changed every February and the new pin number will be on your new membership card.

Those of you that would like to receive the newsletter by email, please, email Mike Cigler. Mike's email address is; [m.ciggy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.ciggy@sbcglobal.net). The club will save about \$14.00 per member per year for each newsletter that is emailed vs mailing a hard copy. Also the newsletter is posted on our web site <http://www.pajarovalleyrodandgun.org/> however; you will receive the email newsletter the soonest.

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### Election Results, December Members Meeting

President, Bruce Kobara, re-elected; Vice-president, Jim Gandrup, re-elected; Treasurer, Glen Slay, re-elected; Secretary, Mike Ciglar, re-elected; Board of Directors, Ron Gordon & Scotty Mitchell, both re-elected.



#### Hog Wild California Style

Wild boar are awesome animals to hunt. They're dangerous, alert, smart, vicious and challenging. They have an attitude and can run both fast and far when threatened. Without warning, they may quickly and easily turn and change on unsuspecting challengers - and it's a tragic mistake to underestimate their instinct to survive. Awkward in appearance, they are deceiving - brawny, with well built legs, massive chests and shielded shoulders that cover powerful muscles, they bound effortlessly up and down the steep, rugged terrain of their chosen habitat.

#### Semi-automatics v. Revolver

A semiautomatic pistol is a handgun where the magazine slides into the grip of the gun, and some of the energy from firing the gun is used to eject the spent cartridge and load a fresh one. Compared to revolvers, pistols have the benefits of a larger magazine capacity (often as high as 15 rounds on larger pistols), easier trigger pull, faster rate of fire, and a more compact shape. On the down side, pistols are not as mechanically simple as revolvers, and rely upon the first round firing successfully in order for the second round to be cycled into the chamber. This means that revolvers may be better suited for self defense, at least for people who don't take meticulous care of their guns. That said, the reliability of modern pistols is exceptionally high.

Revolvers have multiple chambers contained in a cylinder, each which holds a round. When the trigger is pulled, the cylinder rotates and a new chamber is lined up with the barrel. The gun then fires. This system has various advantages and disadvantages over a pistol. First, a revolver is very mechanically simple, and there is little that can go wrong with the firing process. This means a revolver may be a good choice for self defense, especially for those who don't clean and care for their guns as often as they should. On the down side, revolvers tend to be bulkier and heavier than pistols, and tend to hold fewer rounds. Additionally, many of the safety features available on modern pistols are not available on revolvers.

#### Range News

Thanks: Glen Slay has donated a folding shooting bench and Joe Myers has donated a pistol rest. We'll now have two pistol rests available for your use and, in the far left lane, the option to shoot from prone (bring your own mat for the table) or from a proper bench.

Contact: Call me at 728-8611 (during working hours) or email me at [johnmaraldo@gmail.com](mailto:johnmaraldo@gmail.com).

#### Changing Gun Ballistic Profiles

Criminals currently remove serial numbers from stolen guns to hide their origin. The same, simple, shop tools can change a ballistic profile in minutes. The minor alteration requires less than five minute of labor. Criminals will make these changes as part of their standard procedures.

## Mule Deer

### (2<sup>nd</sup> in a series of deer articles)

*Mule deer are far less populous and are much less widespread than whitetail deer. Mule deer get their name from their large ears which somewhat resemble the large ears of a mule. The mule deer's range covers much of the western half of North America, from the Yukon down into Mexico, east from the crest of the Cascades and Sierras, over the Rockies into the prairie. On average, mule deer are larger in body and more robustly built than the whitetail. A mule deer's tail is much smaller than that of a whitetail, white all over with a black tip. Unlike a whitetail, a mule deer's tail is short, narrow, and cylindrical in shape. Mule deer, especially large bucks, are much less tolerant of human activity than whitetails. Currently, mule deer populations across the west are in decline due largely to predation and human development in areas of critical winter range spot and stalk, and still-hunting are the two most popular methods of hunting mule deer. Spot and stalk is probably the most effective method, especially when a trophy buck is the intended quarry. Hunting by ambush, whether in tree stands or ground blinds can also be effective for mule deer although it is far less popular as mule deer can be difficult if not impossible to pattern. An interesting thing about mule deer is the fact that bucks will often choose to live in high alpine basins.*

## Deer Antlers

*Antlers are unique and found mostly on males: only caribou and reindeer have antlers on the females, and these are normally smaller than those of the males. Nevertheless, fertile does from other species of deer have the capacity to produce antlers on occasion, usually due to increased testosterone levels. Each antler grows from an attachment point on the skull. While an antler is growing, it is covered with highly vascular skin called velvet, which supplies oxygen and nutrients to the growing bone. Antlers are considered one of the most exaggerated cases of male secondary sexual traits in the animal kingdom, and grow faster than any other mammal bones. Growth occurs at the tip, and is initially cartilage, which is mineralized to become bone. Once the antler has achieved its full size, the velvet is lost and the antler's bone dies. This dead bone structure is the mature antler. In most cases, the bone at the base is destroyed and the antlers fall off at some point as a result of their fast growth rate. Antlers are considered a handicap since there is an incredible nutritional demand on deer to re-grow them annually; and thus, can be honest signals of metabolic efficiency and food gathering capability.*

*Antlers function as weapons in combats between males, which sometimes cause serious wounds; and as dominance and sexual displays. Caribou and reindeer use their antlers to clear away snow so they can eat the vegetation underneath. This is one possible reason that females of this species evolved antlers. Another possible reason is for female competition during winter foraging. In moose, antlers appear to act as large hearing aids. Moose with antlers have far more sensitive hearing than moose without, and a study of trophy antlers with an artificial ear confirmed that the antler behaves like a reflector*

## Pacific Salmon Species

*Chum is also called dog salmon for its dog-like teeth. Keta comes from its species name and is a way to get away from the negative association chum sometimes has. It's a smaller fish – averaging about 8 pounds – with pale to medium-colored flesh and a lower fat content than other salmon. Chum is usually canned or sold frozen to foreign markets.*

*Coho salmon are sometimes called silver salmon or "silvers" because of their especially silver skin. They have bright red flesh and a slightly more delicate texture than King salmon but a similar flavor.*

*Pink salmon are the most common Pacific salmon. They have very light colored (and flavored) flesh and a low fat content. Pink salmon are often canned, but also sold fresh, frozen, and smoked. They are sometimes called "humpies" because of the distinctive hump they develop on their back when they spawn.*

### Sockeye Salmon/ Red Salmon

*Sockeye are noted for their bright red-orange flesh and deep rich flavor. They are known as "reds" both for their dark flesh color and because they turn deep red (from a bright silver) as they move upstream to spawn.*

*There are no farmed salmon in Alaska! In fact it is illegal to farm salmon in Alaska. The salmon runs here in Alaska are very stable and should remain so into the future. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game manages the salmon runs on an individual stream basis. This means that each spawning stream has its own unique escapement goal that must be reached before any fishing activities (sportfishing or commercial fishing) take place. Along the Pacific Coast there are thousands of salmon farms none of course, in the State of Alaska.*

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